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Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

-10. A method executed by a computer under the control of a program, said computer including a memory for storing said program said method comprising the steps of:

- (A) receiving a protein backbone structure with variable residue positions;
- (B) classifying each variable residue position as either a core, surface, or boundary residue;
- (C) establishing a group of potential rotamers for each of said variable residue positions, wherein the group of potential rotamers for at least one of said variable residue positions has a rotamer selected from each of at least two different amino acid side chains; and,